

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-3 (Cancelled).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): An optical signal processing apparatus comprising:
at least one photodiode for converting an optical signal to an electrical signal;
a resistor having [[its]] one end directly connected to an anode and another end not
connected to a cathode of this photodiode; and
a resonant tunneling diode having one end connected to the one end of this resistor;
wherein a digital signal is acquired by switch operation of the resonant tunneling diode.

Claim 5 (Original): The optical signal processing apparatus as claimed in claim 4,
comprising an optical modulator connected to the one end of the resonant tunneling diode,
changing its transmittance, and modulating and outputting light.

Claim 6 (Original): The optical signal processing apparatus as claimed in claim 4,
wherein an electrical signal is acquired from the one end of the resonant tunneling diode.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): An optical signal processing apparatus comprising:

at least one photodiode for converting an optical signal to an electrical signal;

a first resistor having [[its]] one end directly connected to an anode and another end not connected to a cathode of this photodiode;

a resonant tunneling diode having its one end connected to the one end of this resistor;

and

a second resistor having its one end connected to the other end of the resonant tunneling diode;

wherein a digital signal is acquired by switch operation of the resonant tunneling diode.

Claim 8 (Original): The optical signal processing apparatus as claimed in claim 7, comprising an optical modulator connected to the other end of the resonant tunneling diode, changing its transmittance, and modulating and outputting light.

Claim 9 (Original): The optical signal processing apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein an electrical signal is acquired from the other end of the resonant tunneling diode.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The optical signal processing apparatus as claimed in one of claims 4 to 9, wherein the photodiodes are provided at least in parallel.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The optical signal processing apparatus as claimed in one of claims 4 to 9, wherein the photodiodes are provided at least in series.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The optical signal processing apparatus as claimed in one of claims 4 to 9, wherein at least the photodiode and the resonant tunneling diode are formed on the same semiconductor substrate.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The optical signal processing apparatus as claimed in one of claims 5 and 8, wherein at least the photodiode, the resonant tunneling diode and the optical modulator are formed on the same semiconductor substrate.